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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application : Pieter Theodorus Johannes Aquarius

Application No. : 10/810,349

Filed : March 26, 2004

Confirmation No. : 8227

FOR : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR LOADING CONTAINERS

WITH BAGS

Examiner : Michelle Lopez

Attorney's Docket : VER-179XX

TC Art Unit: 3721

AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE

PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.312 AND

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Via Electronic Filing Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, the Applicant submits the following remarks and respectfully requests that the amendments to the claims be entered without having to remove the application from issue.

Please **amend** independent claim 1 as shown in the Status of the Claims section beginning at page 2, *infra*. No new matter has been added.